

AFRL exceeds CFC contribution goal for 2002

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — When the Combined Federal Campaign for 2002 kicked off on Oct. 2, Air Force Research Laboratory personnel at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base had high expectations.

Following the success of the 2001 CFC, AFRL upped its contribution goal from \$273,000 to \$295,200. But the goal wasn't the only amount that increased from 2001. After the six-week campaign came to a close, AFRL had collected \$387,169, 30 percent above its goal, and a 5,000-dollar increase from last year.

"Every directorate exceeded their goal for the campaign," said Maj. Gary Martinsen, CFC Chair for AFRL at Wright-Patterson. "The Propulsion Directorate did the best by raising over 185 percent of their goal. As in previous years, the people of AFRL displayed incredible generosity."

While individual donations account for a substantial portion of the money raised, the directorates also participated in a variety of fundraisers to generate additional contributions. Two examples of such fundraisers were the Human Effectiveness Directorate's "Alien Bowling," and the candy corn guess sponsored by the Propulsion Directorate.

Co-chair Robert Allen noted the importance of thanking everyone who worked hard to make this year's campaign a success. "There are people at all levels who dedicate themselves to this program each year," he said. "There is no way we can thank them enough for all their hard work."

The mission of CFC is to support and promote philanthropy through a program that is employee-focused, cost-efficient and effective in providing all federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all.

Established by Executive Order in 1964, the CFC is an annual fund-raising drive in which federal employees and military personnel work to raise millions of dollars to benefit charitable organizations worldwide. CFC charities include: The United Way, the American Cancer Society, Goodwill Industries, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the Red Cross, and many others. The Miami Valley CFC district consists of 11 counties in Southwestern Ohio, including Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

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